(b) The rupee debt to Russia outstanding as on July 31, 1995 is Rs. 20669.34 crores (Rupees twenty thousand six hundred sixty-nine crores and thirty-four lakhs).

(c) The agreement is already under implementation.

(d) and (e) There is no final decision in this regard.

Proposal for making Guwahati an International Airport

209. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for making Guwahati an international airport and if so, the stage reached so far;

(b) whether Government is aware of the illegal encroachment of the airport land and the involvement of some IA officers in the said encroachment and whether a temple and mosque have also come up there; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to restore the land to the airport authority and to punish the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir. Airports Authority of India is developing Guwahati as a model airport with provision for customs and immigration facilities for limited international operations as and when required.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, a mosque has been existing in the airport colony for the last many years and Airports Authority of India has approached the State Government for allocation of an alternate site for shifting this mosque. These efforts have not yielded any results so far.

Outstanding Dues from Advertising Agencies in Doordarshan

210. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what have been the outstanding dues from advertising agencies in Doordarshan and from the accredited agencies during each of the last three years, along with the respective total dues;

(b) in how many cases the outstandings are more than Rupees 10 lakh each and for what periods such outstandings are continuing;

(c) what measures have been taken to reduce such outstandings and the results thereof;

(d) whether any measures have been taken to settle the disputed bills expeditiously if any; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) to (e) In order to ensure timely payment of dues, Doordarshan is taking resource to all the contractual provisions including encashment of bank guarantee/ de-accreditation of errant agencies, arbitration and legal action.

Power Crisis

211. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the States which are facing severe power crisis;

(b) the steps taken by Government to help those States in increasing the generation of power;